



May 29, 2015

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Update on TIGER Grant Application**

Recommendation

Receive and file an update on Foothill Transit's "TIGER" grant application.

Analysis

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced that \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under a seventh round of the highly successful U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. TIGER 2015 discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or metropolitan area.

On May 1, 2015, Foothill Transit submitted a pre-application to request \$15 Million from this year's 2015 TIGER Grant Program to fund the expansion and electrification of Line 486. Foothill Transit's project, "Zero Emissions Transit Bus Route on the El Monte-Pomona Education Corridor," will expand our zero emission electric bus program by buying 17 new extended range Proterra electric buses and four charging stations. The total budget for this project is \$20 million and local funds will be used as match to the TIGER funds requested.

These new electric vehicles will operate on Line 486 between the El Monte Station and the Pomona Transit Center. Strategically placed charging stations will create a zero emissions transit corridor, providing critical access to the state's largest single-campus community college (Mt. San Antonio College) and a public university (Cal Poly Pomona). This project will provide reliable and timely access to employment centers, education and training opportunities using zero emission vehicles.

The final application is currently being drafted, and will be submitted before the deadline which is June 5. Letters of support from cities and other agencies have been received, and will be attached to our application to display our strong partnerships and vision in revitalizing communities, while increasing



educational and economic opportunities. Announcements for the selected recipients of the 2015 TIGER Grant Program Funds will be made in the fall.

Sincerely,

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